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Applicants : MANFRED WITTENSTEIN  
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Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant encloses herewith a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Also enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for filing this Declaration.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required hereunder or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0184. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith in connection with any deposit account charge or credit.

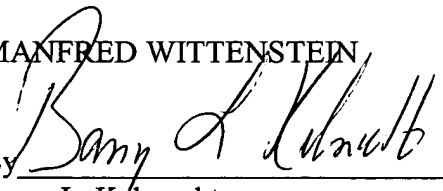
It is submitted that this application now complies with all formal requirements and therefore an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

MANFRED WITTENSTEIN

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled TECHNIQUES FOR FACILITATING INNOVATION-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENT OF AN ENTITY, the specification of which (check one):

\_\_\_ is attached hereto; or

X was filed on June 20, 2003, as Application Serial No. 10/601,342

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Serial No.

Date

60/413,797

September 25, 2002

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u> (Yes) (No)
----- NONE -----			

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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<u>Application Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
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I hereby appoint:

the practitioners at Customer No. **35005**

all of the firm of Baker Botts L.L.P. or Electronic Data Systems Corporation, as my attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any international patent applications filed thereon before any international authorities.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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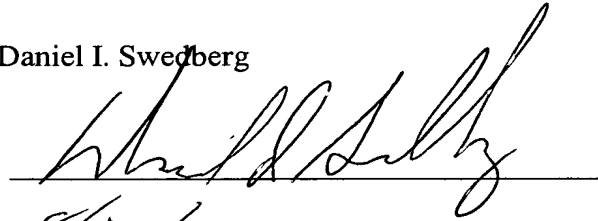
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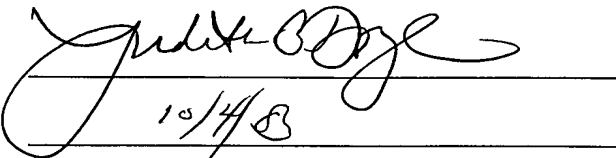
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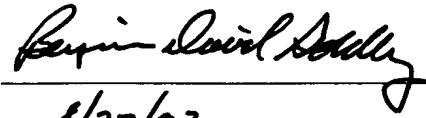
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**This declaration is of the following type: ☐ original.

(check one)

☒ design.☐ supplemental.☐ national stage of PCT.☐ divisional.☐ continuation.☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P)**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION****DRIVE WITH INDICATING ELECTRONICS****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which:

(a) ☐ is attached hereto.(b) ☒ was filed on September 5, 2003, as Serial No. 29/189,527  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

- ☐ in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

## **PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed. Such applications have been filed as follows:

### **PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

<b>COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)</b>	<b>PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>403 02 774.8</b>	<b>5 April 2003</b>	<b>YES</b>
			<b>YES/NO</b>
			<b>YES/NO</b>
			<b>YES/NO</b>
			<b>YES/NO</b>

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the practitioners practicing at the following Customer Number to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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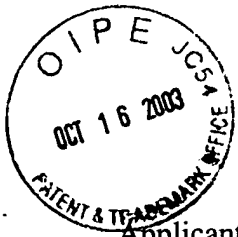
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REQUEST TO ENTER PRIORITY DOCUMENTS INTO RECORD

Sir:

Please make of record the attached certified copy of German Patent Application No. 403 02 774.8, filed April 5, 2003, the priority of which is hereby claimed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119.

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